(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि इससे किसानों को भारी परेशानी होती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस समस्या का समाधान करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय): (क) वर्तमान रबी विपणन मौसम के दौरान 16.8.1994 तक केन्द्रीय पूल के लिए हरियाणा में 30.46 लाख मीटरी टन गेहूं की वसूली की गई है।

(ख) से (घ) सरकारी वसूली एजेन्सियों द्वारा वसूल किए गए स्टाक की सामान्यतया अविलम्ब निकासी की जाती है। तथापि, व्यस्ततम वसूली मौसम के दौरान कभी-कभी स्टाक की निकासी करने में विलम्ब हो जाता है। जब कभी ऐसी अड़चने उत्पन्न होती हैं तो स्टाक की शीघ्र निकासी हेतु मण्डी परिसरों के अन्दर मध्यवर्ती भण्डारण स्थलों को अन्तरित करने जैसे विभिन्न उपाय करने के लिए प्रयास किए जाते हैं।

Moily Committee report on sugar industry

3278. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to stale:

(a) whether Moily Committee has recommended the delicensing of sugar industry for preparing suitably and evolving a formula for balanced situation of sugar mills;

(b) if so, what are the other recommendations made by the Moily Committee on delicensing of sugar industry;

(c) whether any final decision for delicensing of sugar industry has since been taken; and

(d) if so, to what extent the recommendations of the Moily Committee are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The Veerappa Moily Committee was not concerned with the question of delicensing of sugar industry. As per information received from the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, in the report of this Committee, there is no recommendation suggesting delicensing of the sugar industry.

Export of sugar

3279. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugar was exported to USA and EU countries in 1993-94;

(b) if so, what is the quantity of sugar exported; and

(c) what was the domestic situation regarding demand and supply of sugar and its prices in the domestic market when sugar was exported to USA and EU countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The details of the exports of sugar made during the sugar season 1993-94 upto 16.8.1994 are as follows:

Country	Quantity (in)MTs)
France (EEC)	10,000
Russia	500
U.S.A.	16,600

(c) Due to decline in sugar production during 1992-93 and 1993-94 seasons, the overall availability also declined and accordingly the release of sugar is being regulated. The wholesale sugar prices ($30 Grade) in the 4 principal markets of the country during 1993-94 season from October, 1993 upto 16th August, 1994 were in the range of Rs. 1038.00 to Rs. 1630.00 per quintal. Against this, the above exports realised a price of about Rs. 1715.00 per quintal.

Newspaper report on sugar crisis

3280. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to a news-item captioned "Supply mismanagement set to trigger another sugar crisis" appearing in the "Business Standard" New Delhi dated 2nd August, 1994;

(b) if so, the details of the matter reported therein;

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to ensure that the sugar stocks are not depleted during the coming festival season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news-item mainly relates to the availability of sugar and regulation of sugar releases during the coming festival season.

(c) and (d) The releases would be regulated in a manner to ensure adequate availability of sugar during the festival months.

Stock of Foodgrains in Bihar

3281. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the position of both the buffer and operational stock of foodgrains in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Bihar; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to maintain the stock in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) As on 15.7.1994 the stocks of foodgrains in the Godowns of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Bihar was about 4.15 lakh tonnes (comprising 0.90 lakh tonnes of rice and 3.25 lakh tonnes of wheat). Present monthly allocation to the State of Bihar for PDS is 0.32 lakh tonnes of rice and 0.58 lakh tonnes of wheat. Food Corporation of India maintains adequate buffer stocks in their godowns in Bihar to maintain the PDS supplies in the State.

Amount spent on advertisements

3282. SHRI MOHAMMED *AFZAL alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by his ministry on advertisements given to the Newspapers direct or through DAVP etc. during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94 language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

The total amount spent by Ministry of Food on advertisements given to the Newspapers direct or through DAVP Etc. during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94 Language-wise.

SI. No	Language	Amount Spent (i in Rs.)			
		1992-93		1993-94	
		Direct	through DAVP	Direct**	through DAVP
1.	English	11276.00	362535.00	6817.00	359239.00
2.	Hindi	1677.00	102776.00	7998.00	143801.00
3.	Urdu	-	2402.00	338.00	10057.00
4.	Punjabi	-	3611.00	-	7416.00
5.	Assamese	-	622.00	-	3053.00
6.	Bengali	-	6251.00	-	23959.00
7.	Tamil	-	5698.00	-	16932.00
8.	Tclugu	-	3717.00	-	19407.00
9.	Malayalam	-	2465.00	-	4674.00
10.	Marathi	-	-	-	8844.00
11.	Gujrati	-	-	-	9533.00
12.	Sindhi	—	_	—	2310.00
13.	Oriya	—	—	—	15012.00
14.	Kannada	-	—	—	6257.00
	TOTAL:	12953.00	490077.00	15153.00	630494.00

**Rs. 399.00 (language-wise break-up not available)

लेवी चीनी और खुले बाजार में विक्रय हेतु चीनी की मात्रा

3283. श्री राम जेठमलानी : क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने अक्तूबर, 1993 से जुलाई, 1994 तक की अवधि के दौरान देश में चीनी की 35.05 लाख टन मात्रा लेवी के कोटे के लिए और 60.15 लाख टन चीनी खुले बाजार में विक्रय के कोटे के लिए आवंटित की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त अवधि के दौरान प्रत्येक माह में आवंटित लेवी चीनी और खुले बाजार में विक्रय हेतु चीनी की अलग-अलग मात्रा क्या थी;